

2006 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards



Standing Committee on
Pro Bono Legal Services of the
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
Invites Nominations for the 2006 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards

Program Overview

In furtherance of SJC Rule 6.1, Voluntary Pro Bono Publico Service, the SJC Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services will present awards to individual lawyers, law firms, government attorneys, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged including CPCS, legal services or similar providers who conduct non-program pro bono work. The awards will be presented Spring 2006.

It is through "...commitment and hard work, [that] we can move closer to our goal of providing access to justice for all."
- Retired SJC Chief Justice Herbert P. Wilkins, upon establishment of the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services.

Program Statement

The Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards Program seeks to identify and honor individual lawyers, small and large law firms, government attorney offices, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession that have enhanced the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to our Commonwealth's poor and disadvantaged. These services are of critical importance to the increasing number of people living in poverty who are in need of legal representation to improve their lives.

Award Criteria

Awardees will be selected from those who have excelled in providing volunteer services in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) volunteer participation in an activity or pro bono program which resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs or in extending services to underserved segments of the population;
- (2) successfully litigated pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of other services to the poor;
- (3) successfully achieved legislation that contributed substantially to legal services to the poor.

Nomination Guidelines

- Kindly submit a brief narrative explaining how the candidate meets the criteria for *The Adams Pro Bono Publico Award*. Specify the nature of the pro bono contribution and identify those who have benefitted.
- Information that would be helpful includes principal areas of practices, the number of years practicing law, hours spent on pro bono activities, other public service contributions, educational background, supporting documents and bar association activities.
- Include up to 3 letters of support, if available, from other individuals and organizations who are aware of the candidate's pro bono contribution.
- Nominations submitted in 2005 remain active for consideration in the 2006 Awards' program.

Selection Process

- The Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services will review the nominations and select no more than three awardees.
- Nominations should be received by April 21, 2006.
- Submit all materials to: Richard McMahan, Esq., *The 2006 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards*, c/o New Center For Legal Advocacy, Inc., 18 Main Street Extension, 3rd Floor, Plymouth, MA 02360 or contact Alison Fallon at (508) 746-2777, afallon@ncla.net, if you have questions.



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Adams Awards Recipients, 2002 - 2005

May 2002 (inaugural awards ceremony)

Henry Raphaelson, Raphaelson & Raphaelson, Worcester
S. Stephen Rosenfeld, Rosenfeld & Rafik, Boston; founder,
Health Law Advocates, Inc., Boston
Foley, Hoag & Eliot LLP

May 2003

Michael G. Paris, Partner, Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, Boston
Stanford & Schall, New Bedford¹
Women's Bar Foundation

May 2004

John A. Burdick, Jr., Worcester
Anna E. Dodson, Associate,² Goodwin Proctor LLP, Boston
Bankruptcy Law Section of the Boston Bar Association

June 2005

Mark Berson, President, Levy, Winer & Berson, P.C., Greenfield
The Honorable Edward M. Ginsburg, retired, Probate and Family Court Department;
Founder, Senior Partners for Justice
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., with special recognition to
partners Susan J. Cohen and Grant Sovern for their work on behalf of the Political
Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project

¹ Two-lawyer firm; honoring Roger Stanford and Irene Schall

² Ms. Dodson is now a partner at the firm.